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CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Zeitz

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. On 19 and 20 October 1953, the Artillerie-Kaserne on the west side of Friedens Strasse in Zeitz quartered soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Soldiers who probably went on leave, continuously left the barracks installation. On 19 October [REDACTED] 9 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] at the gate of the installation. 25X1

2. On 20 October, a unit, which had been stationed at the barracks installation during the summer months, was extrained at the Zeitz freight station and left toward Weissenfels. Trucks [REDACTED] loaded with billeting equipment and two model M-3 armored scout cars [REDACTED] besides 18 motor-cycles were observed. 25X1

- On 19 October, [REDACTED] 8 rocket launchers [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] and 13 x 57-mm AT guns entering the Infanterie Kaserne at 25X1
the east side of Friedens Strasse. 25X1

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25X1. Comment. [REDACTED] It is believed that the tanks seen on 19 October belong to the 63th Gds Hvy Tank Bn Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Meoz Div stationed in Jena. From the present report and two other reports [REDACTED] on the return of tank units stationed in Jena it cannot definitely be concluded whether, besides the 36th (?) Gds Tank Regt (US), the 67th Gds Meoz Regt, which is located at the Infanterie Kaserne at the east side of Friedens Strasse, had also returned. [REDACTED] However, the AT guns observed on 19 October, indicate that this is a fact. The presence in Zeitz of rocket launchers may be considered as confirming the 24th Gds RI Bn (US) at its post until 19 October. It is believed that this unit is stationed at the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Friedens Strasse. 25X1

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. This information refers to a reconnaissance unit [redacted]
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25X1 of Weissenfels. The Mtrcl Bn of the 26th Gdr Recz Div has remained unlocated to date.
It is still unclear whether the unit involved was the Mtrcl Bn of the division which
in the summer of 1963, was temporarily stationed in Zeitz in connection with maneu-
vers held in Zeitz Forest, or whether another unit was involved. This unit may have
been used for the guarding of industrial establishments in the Zeitz area during the
period of unrest. [redacted]

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